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SUCCESS AT LAST! King Arthur and his knights stare in awe at the fabled Holy Grail as their arduous quest comes to an end after numerous trials and tribulations in the Elk Point Theatre Project production of Monty Python's 'Spamalot.'

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Smoking blamed for townhouse fire

\$3.5 million loss

CLARE GAUVREAU
Review Staff

Fire investigators have ruled the fire that raged through a row of townhouses in Elk Point on April 27 as accidental. Robert Duffy, Town of Elk Point safety codes officer, said Friday the fire investigation is complete, and investigators have pinpointed "improperly discarded smoking materials" as being the cause. Duffy said, based on eyewitness accounts and video footage, the fire appeared to start in "what looks like a planter" on the deck of one of the townhouses, which then caught the building itself on fire. It spread quickly through the row of houses fanned by strong winds.

"Everybody did get out. The fire spread quickly. A lot has to do with the materials used and the wind helped push the fire," he explained.

Elk Point's Deputy Fire Chief Peter Hewitt said the wind was definitely a factor in fighting the blaze. He expressed his appreciation to the community members who went door to door to make sure everyone got out alive and did what they could to keep the fire from spreading further.

"Some were out with rakes and shovels containing the grass fires the blaze was starting, some were in the heat of things working beside the firefighters, and some helped in ways we may never know about," Hewitt stated. "The assistance of these community members was extremely valuable in helping prevent a situation that could have been far more disastrous."

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Chamber salutes new business in first-ever Spotlight

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce is still growing, with another new face at their May 2 meeting and yet another newly established business outlined in the group's first-ever Member Spotlight, a new feature introduced by president Terri Hampson, who said this is a "value added part of the chamber that is one of my commitments this year."

Hampson welcomed new member Daleen Pinder of Creating Direction, a certified life coach and business mentor who helps entrepreneurs to achieve their business and lifestyle goals. Much of her business is conducted online, and Pinder says she is "missing the connections" she had as a paper craft instructor.

Desiree Maas, who joined the chamber last month after opening her new business, Property Plus Realty,

in March, was in the Member Spotlight. A realtor for nearly six years, she is most proud of the customer service she has offered that resulted in referrals and testimonials. She likes "having time to listen to clients and understand their needs... to share years of experience with them in drafting an action plan and executing it to their full approval." Her advice for other new business owners is to "Live your dream, work hard and just do it!" She is currently planning for her grand opening on May 25, with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m.

The chamber was happy to learn that although provincial STEP funding once again ran out before the Elk Point application reached the top of the pile, the Canada Summer Jobs Program grant for a tourist information clerk has been approved for eight, 30-hour weeks, and the position and its requirements will be advertised in the near future.

Fundraising committee chair Dwayne Yaremkevich

reported that plans for the June 2 Spring Fling Dance are coming together well, with tickets now on sale and another value-added perk for members, who will receive a coupon to purchase two tickets for the price of one. The dance, to be held at the A. G. Ross Arena, will feature the music of County Express.

Treasurer Christine Fenton asked for volunteers to work on an operating budget for the chamber, and had immediate response, with Tim Gilchrist and Penny Fox willing to assist with the preparation.

Four quotes have been received for the drywall replacement in the EcoCentre basement, and other needed renovations to make it possible to rent out the upstairs area to a potential business. Members voted to award the contract to Maurice Cribbins General Contractor. The chamber will notify their current renter, the Town of Elk Point, of their intention to rent the space.

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Team Elk Point

Town of Elk Point staff members (left to right) Cecil Dorey, Mir Ali, Kyle Bleakley, Jay Duffee, Maria Cueva, Lynn Proskiw and Madi Watt took part in a Regional Municipal Team Building event that included the County of St. Paul and Town of St. Paul, for a total of 130 employees, which is held annually. This year's guest speakers, shown at right, were 'The Explosion Man,' David and Jamie Dyke, with a presentation entitled 'Talking about Safety'. Competitions were also held in the event and CAO Ken Gwozdz proudly reported that "the Elk Point team did an awesome job!"



Photos submitted

Fire

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When the flames were extinguished, eight homes had been destroyed along with a semi-tractor truck, motorcycle, jeep and pickup truck. Additionally, the heat from the blaze damaged siding on the apartment building to the south of the location. While nobody suffered injuries, one cat was lost in the fire. The total financial loss at this time has been pegged at \$3.5 million, although Duffy said that may increase.

He noted that some of the people forced to flee their homes, did not have content insurance.

Elk Point was quick to respond to the crisis, according to Janice Fodchuk, FCSS director for the County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point.

"The people that reached out to FCSS have all found accommodation," Fodchuk said of the immediate response from the community to come to the aid of those in need. "Elk Point community never ever ceases to surprise me, beyond any community I've ever worked in."

The Elk Point Baptist Church monitored and housed donations of items and the Elks and Lioness clubs provided cash donations to purchase food and clothing. At this point, Fodchuk said the need for

physical items has been met but anyone wishing to donate funds can still do so at the Cornerstone Co-op in Elk Point. A GoFundMe page has also been established online with \$3,280 raised on a \$20,000 goal as of Monday.

Jay Heagy owned one of the townhouses involved. He arrived on scene as the fire was still burning. He purchased the property as a second home and his two daughters and grandson were living there. While they weren't home at the time, unfortunately, it was their cat that was killed in the fire.

It's a total loss," he said of the fire, adding he's just beginning the insurance process.

Chamber

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The chamber has learned that St. Paul Chamber is pursuing a labour market project program to determine economic drivers, work being done, who is working, and where there are gaps or an oversupply of labour, and is looking for contributing partners. President Hampson said she would commit to getting information from Elk Point businesses to become part of the program, "if our contributions can be in-kind rather than financial."

ATB Financial asked the chamber for a letter of support regarding a proposal they are sending to the Town of Elk Point, asking for a dedicated handicapped parking space on the east side of 50 Street, preferably in front of Guardian Drug, which would help those with mobility issues to access main street businesses more easily. The chamber agreed to provide a letter, and generally felt this would be a good addition to the downtown business district.

Volunteers are a huge part of our community, and one chamber member noted that only those who had been nominated were acknowledged at the recent volunteer appreciation barbecue, rather than appreciation shown for all of those who contribute their time to support the various volunteer groups.

Chamber vice-president Bob Ellacott told the chamber that the community support that has been shown for victims of the April 27 condo fire was "just wonderful. It makes me proud to be part of the Elk Point family."



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Spring 2018

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All new registrations must present a birth certificate and an Alberta Health Care Card number to the school office before school commencement in September 2018.

Education Week is April 30 - May 4
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Lions Walk for Sight

Elk Point and District Lions hosted their annual Walk for Sight on Saturday, with perfect weather for those who walked, wheeled and were wheeled around the route. A total of \$952 was raised, with George Hahn winning the award for most funds raised, Bert Poulin taking home the 'Most Dignified' award, tiny Kemper Hahn receiving the youngest participant award and William Boratyne receiving a special award for participation. Hahn Welding was again the Oilfield Challenge winner, and Elk Point Elementary School won the School Challenge honors.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to the Elk Point community

To the Editor:

A serious structure fire in Elk Point on Friday, April 27 has reminded us all that our lives can change in a moment, but more importantly it has shown us the true strength of a small community who comes together in times of need.

So many residents of Elk Point and the county stepped up and continue to step up in many ways and deserve our most sincere thank you:

First, the local residents who saw the fire and quickly went door to door to make sure all residents were out and safe.

Next, a group of residents who stepped up to assist an Elk Point Fire Department member until more fire units and fire department personnel could get on scene.

The Elk Point Fire Department who worked relentlessly fighting the fire until it was out.

In addition, the St Paul Fire Department who responded to assist our local firefighters in battling this huge fire, preventing it from spreading to surrounding residences.

Once the fire was out, attention shifted to assisting all the residents who had lost everything.

A huge thank you to FCSS and local residents who found accommodation for the eight families affected by this fire.

Also, thank you to all the local organizations and businesses, especially Cornerstone Co-op who are matching up to \$2,500 and individuals who began looking at ways to support these families through monetary donations for both immediate needs and longer-term assistance. These efforts will continue in the weeks to come.

On behalf of Town Council, we want to say thank you to everyone for all you have done and continue to do. It's in a time of crisis that a community defines itself by its people, and you have truly shown the strength of a small community.

Mayor Lorne Young and Council
Town of Elk Point

Rave review for 'Spamalot'

To the Editor:

To all those that didn't get a chance to go and see the Monty Python's Spamalot play in Elk Point over the past weekends, too bad! You missed an excellent play.

To all the actors, I commend you all for the great job you accomplished as well as to your instructor(s) and those involved in making the play a success – props, costumes, etc.

I hope to see more spectators out there next year. It's nice to know there are other options out there besides sports, and these youths need just as much support and encouragement.

To all you young artists, keep up the good work! I enjoyed myself tremendously.

Maria Poulin
St. Paul



Way Back When...

Playschool playground, record jump, celebrating success

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKE LAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7 IN...

1988

After two years of fundraising, a determined group of parents persevered on a showery Saturday to build a playground for the playschool and parent nursery on the area east of the FCSS building (now a vacant lot used for parking, south of the Elementary School playground). A deep, dry hole was all that resulted from the first effort to drill a water well at the Elk Point Golf and Country Club, while a second effort yielded only a trickle, so a third drill was underway.

1993

Amoco Canada set its sights on six new wells in the Elk Point and Lindbergh areas in 1994, engineer Randy Best told area residents at an open house at King George Hall. Fourteen-year-old Joni Mathews set a new indoor record of 10.28 metres for midjet girls' triple jump at the Kinsmen Indoor Track and Field Championships and placed fourth in the senior women's open triple jump, two categories higher than her midjet status.

1998

Stella Blazenko was installed as the new Honoured Royal Lady and Rob Norman as the new Exalted Ruler as Elk Point Elks and OORP lodges held their joint installation of officers, with district deputies Sharon Algot and Ed Wovk officiating. Elk Point Community Choir welcomed spring with song, over 50 voices ringing in glorious celebration for the season.

2003

Elk Point Pioneer Circle seniors were happy to be home at last, with a ribbon cutting marking the reopening of their recreation centre after repairs of fire dam-

age were completed. Heinsburg Community School celebrated success at their Education Week open house, where student Michelle Durocher was honoured as one of five Alberta students to receive the Queen's Golden Jubilee Citizenship Medal.

2008

A local entrepreneur visited town council to outline plans for a large daycare facility that would not only care for infants and preschoolers, but would also offer a variety of after-school programs for older youngsters. North East MuniCorr members stopped for coffee in Elk Point as they took part in the annual quad ride on the Iron Horse Trail, an event that had been rescheduled after a heavy spring snowstorm on their original date.

2013

The Elk Point and District Lions Club made the most of the weekend's good weather on May 4, hosting the Journey for Sight Annual Walk-a-thon and raising a total of \$1,523, with Odin Smith bringing in the most donations at \$552, George Hahn winning the award for oldest walker and Adasyn Havener the award for youngest walker.



FIREFIGHTERS Jon Kadutski (centre) and Darryl O'Reilly (right) accept awards for outstanding performance at the Ninth Annual Firefighter's Ball in Elk Point from Division 2 County Councillor Dwight Dach.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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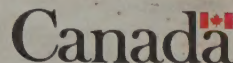


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2nd Chance ready to roll on Saturday

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The 7th Annual 2nd Chance Trail Ride is ready to head west on the Iron Horse Trail this Saturday morning, with the final details firmed up for the ride and the supper that follows at the new society's annual meeting on April 28 at Ferguson Flats.

Ride participants will have two opportunities to register again this year; they can either register at the C. G. Baker Riding Arena in Elk Point on Friday evening, or at the Lindbergh staging area before the ride gets underway. The society has once again received permission for participants to camp at the riding arena grounds, but must keep their horses tied to their trailers. The upstairs meeting room has been made available for the registration and as a gathering spot on Friday evening if weather doesn't cooperate.

The ride itself will leave Lindbergh promptly at 11 a.m. on Saturday, and will stop at the Muriel staging area for barbecued burgers on the way to Elk Point.

The supper and evening program will be held at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre again this year, and will feature both live and silent auctions, with all proceeds from both joining the riders' donations and other funds raised to help 2nd Chance continue its ongoing quest to both encourage organ and tissue donation and to help those who are fortunate enough to obtain a transplant.

Some of those fortunate individuals will be on hand to tell about their experiences during the evening program, along with other guest speakers. A dance will wind up the evening.

New executive

The first-ever annual general meeting for the 2nd Chance Trail Ride Society saw a new president take over the reins of office, former vice president Tom Matthews of St. Paul moving up into that position to succeed Fae Irvine. Gary Heffner was selected as the new vice president, with Robyn Ockerman taking over the role of secretary from Lori Nelson, who will retain the treasurer's portion of her former dual role.

Eleven directors were also elected, Harvey Nelson, Morris Irvine, Cathy Ockerman and Arla Pirtle returning for a second year, and Lionel Romanchuk, Duncan McDonald, Rene Chalut, Glen McDonald, Lindon Nelson, Julie Boyko and Beth Yushyschyn appointed for two-year terms.

Harvey Nelson, Tom Matthews, Morris and Fae Irvine and Rene Chalut were all busy with speaking engagements during National Organ and Tissue Donation week, and reported on good response at gatherings in St. Albert, Drayton Valley, Fort Saskatchewan, Cold Lake and Camrose, and have had a request for a presentation in Lacombe. The new president said he would like to see more organ recipients doing these presentations, and all agreed that these promotional activities are "worth doing again next year."

RECREATION CORNER

Let's fill up the bus for Greenhouse Garden Tour

RECREATION@ELKPOINT.CA
Review Contributor

We have extended our deadline for the Greenhouse Garden Tour until the bus is full. The tour is on May 12, the day before Mother's Day, so it is a perfect getaway with Mom. There is lots of room left on the bus, so please sign up to book your seat. It's a free trip to three greenhouses in the Sherwood Park area, Greenland, Wallish and Salisbury. There will be more than enough room to bring home all your finds as well.

The Town of Elk Point is partnering with the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS to bring you this wonderful trip with Xtreme Oilfield Services. We will also be providing a light snack and some refreshments. We ask that you bring a bagged lunch to enjoy at Greenland's picnic area, an extra snack and bottled water.

Go on and treat yourself to a wonderful outing! The bus leaves from the County of St. Paul office at 8:30 a.m. and from the A. G. Ross Arena in Elk Point at 9:00 a.m. We will take people until the bus is full, but recommend that you call/text 780-207-5898 or email recreation@elkpoint.ca to ensure you have a seat.

On May 16th, the Town is hosting a Community Clean-up Day and we're inviting you to pitch in! We propose that everyone helps by tidying up their yards and areas around their homes. If you've noticed some trouble spots in the town, email recreation@elkpoint.ca so we make sure to get those spots cleaned. If you have an extra hour or two, come out and help us clean up the community. We are meeting at the library at 4:00 p.m. and anticipate we will be done by 6:00 p.m.

On June 2nd is the annual Car Show, and like other years, the Town is hosting a community wide garage sale! We encourage anyone who wishes to do so to host a garage sale as there will be lots of people in town. That evening the Chamber is hosting their Spring Fling Beer Gardens and Dance. This is a fantastic way to have some fun and find out more about the Chamber. Watch for more info next week!



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Meeting at 7:00

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Python's 'Spamalot': the rest of the story

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The cast of Elk Point Theatre Project's 2018 production of Monty Python's 'Spamalot' took their final well-earned bows on Sunday afternoon, at the conclusion of four crowd-pleasing performances, and now we can tell you the fabled "rest of the story..."

The neon lights and music of Camelot-turned-Vegas faded into obscurity as another strange glow appeared, with a massive jewel-studded chalice in its midst. King Arthur (Andrew Richer) and his knights (Lauryn Smith, Zxayven Pelech, Saige Hardcastle, Jove Boorse and Kylie Young) knelt in wonder as the voice of God thundered forth:

"Your quest is to find the Holy Grail. Just find the Grail, and quickly... This is the short version."

The Lady of the Lake (Peyton Proudlove) appeared above the glowing chalice, surrounded by her entourage of Laker Girls (Kylie Young, Ella Smith, Aurora Smith and Kyra Ockerman), and sang out, "Find your Grail, Find your Grail..."

And so the quest began.

Having heard that the King of France had claimed to have the Grail in his possession, they set off on a trek to his castle, where they were not well received by some rather surly guards that "didn't have an ounce of chivalry" as they peered over the parapet, before the visitors were chased off by a pair of baguette-wielding guards.

The fleeing knights were soon lost in a dark "and expensive" forest, according to King Arthur, and he and Patsy (Lauryn Smith) soon wished they were there too, as they were accosted by the Head Knight of Ni (Casey Warawa) and his subordinates, who declared that they were the keepers of the Grail, and demanded, "We want a shrubbery!"

"Where are we going to find a shrubbery?" they asked themselves, puzzling over the possibilities as the rest of the knights slowly emerged from the forest, yellow umbrellas unfurled, as Patsy implored the king to "Look on the sunny side."

The timely arrival of a peasant wanting to sell a shrubbery proved that there was, indeed, a sunny side out there, complete with a musical interlude delivered by Knight Robin (Sage Hardcastle) and two minstrels (Ella Smith and Aurora Smith), but its appearance was brief, because now the Nis demanded that they put on a Broadway musical!

Problems again, especially since Broadway was a thousand years into the future, but fortunately, the Lady of the Lake had a flash-forward moment and told the hand-wringing king, "You've been in a Broadway musical all along. We all have to help each other. We just have to find the Grail and end with a big finale."

That was when an enchanter named Tim showed up and offered the seekers a clue, that the Grail would be found in a dark cave guarded by a fearsome beast.

That beast turned out to be a killer bunny, who after attacking one of the knights (Casey Warawa) in a beastly fashion, was done in by the holy hand grenade that Patsy dug out of her handy backpack. The blast blew away the greenery that hid the cave, clearly marked 'DC', and there they found the treasure they sought: the Holy Grail.

What better reason, indeed, to celebrate with a glorious finale fitting for a Broadway musical?

This particular Broadway musical was produced by an artistic team made up of producer Loanne Smith, director and choreographer Jessika Clarke, music director Kelsey Taylor, sound man Rob Walker, lighting by Cloey Germain, costume lead Diana Richer, props lead Sherry Milholland and extras Crystal Boorse, Braden Campeau and Ryan Clarke... and other volunteer assistants too numerous to mention.



KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE - Robin (Saige Hardcastle), Lancelot (Zxayven Pelech), Galahad (Jove Boorse) and Patsy (Lauryn Smith) take a break from their arduous quest for the Holy Grail.



NOT A WARM WELCOME - Baguette-wielding French guards chase the king and his knights away from their castle.

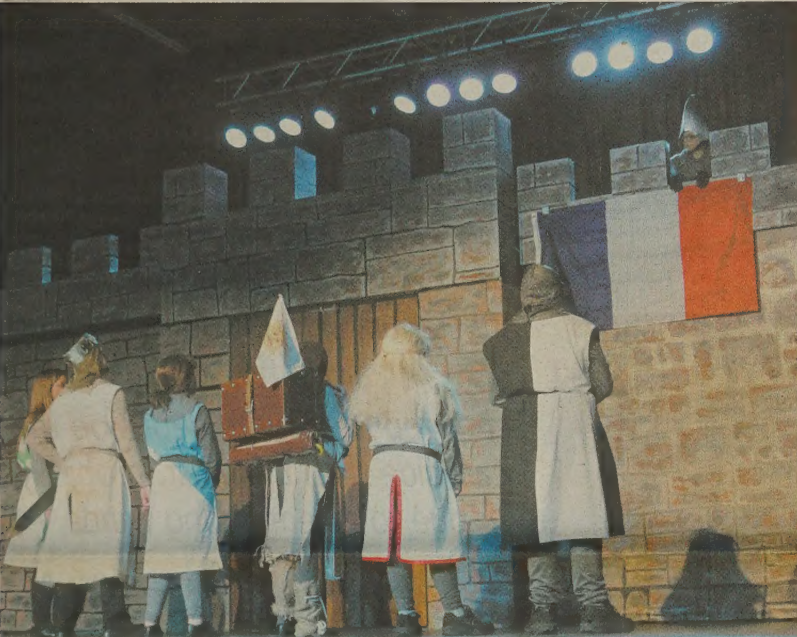


NOT AN EASY RANSOME TO FIND - The shrubbery demanded by the head Knight of the Nis (above) was finally tracked down, and a fine one it was, said the Nis, when it was finally delivered, left.





TIM THE ENCHANTER and a killer bunny were the final straw, but one that could be dealt with, once the rules for the Holy Hand Grenade were followed to the one, two, three...



GET AWAY FROM HERE - The French guard doesn't have the slightest intention of allowing the visitors to search that kingdom for the Grail.



AND DESPITE IT ALL - the Holy Grail was found, with the DC clue indicating 'Dead Centre.'

Pronunciator, Family Fun Day coming to Elk Point Municipal Library

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Mark this date on the calendar, you won't want to miss it. On May 30th come join us from "Family Fun Day" for games, free hot dogs and more! The annual colouring contest winners have been chosen, winners will be called to come pick up their prizes!



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Elk Point 4- H Beef Club was out in full force on Saturday, scouring the ditches from Moosehills Road to ELk Point and bagging up a substantial amount of trash found along the way.

They reported more debris on the east side than the west, probably due to recent strong winds.

The 4-Hers wound up their Saturday morning with an outdoor meeting in the Iron Horse Trail staging area in Elk Point, followed by a wiener roast.

Thanks, 4-H members, parents and leaders for making our community a tidier place to be!



Lakeland Northstars host round robin

Anytime you finish a four-game weekend with two wins, playing 500 baseball, that is a great weekend in my books. If you happen to win more than that, then that's a bonus. The Lakeland Northstars Bantam AA Provincial team hosted a provincial round robin this past weekend here in Elk Point, winning two games on Saturday, defeating Devon and Lloydminster and then losing two games on Sunday against Barrhead and close one against Devon, the same team they had beaten the day before.

The Northstars are made up of players from the whole Lakeland area, but based out of Elk Point. Tyler Warawa, who is celebrating his birthday on Wednesday, is the head coach. Sheldon Ballas is one of his assistants. They have been together for the last few years. They have a few other assistants as well, but I'm afraid I only know their last names so far. First base coach is Colbourne, and third base coach is Gauthier and the manager is Tanya Dechaine. The ball players are from Cold Lake, Bonnyville, St Paul, St. Lina and Plamondon, and Elk Point, of course. Lots of them travel a fairly long distance for practice and games, but the one thing they have in common is they want to play competitive baseball. Baseball is a very challenging game, and anything but boring when you are part of the coaching staff. A couple of errors that could have been outs, and a couple of hits here and there or a pitcher who is really on his game can make the difference between winning and losing.

First year bantam, Kobe 'Cobra' Warawa wasn't throwing a lot of heat, but he threw strikes in the game he chucked against Lloydminster Saturday night. That game was against his cousin Ethan Warawa and he got a lot of help from his fielders, especially his outfield

who tracked down and caught a lot of big deep fly balls. It makes a huge difference if your fielders are catching the ball, doesn't matter how hard you pitch. 'Cobra' is also pretty good at laying down sac bunts as he did in the game against Devon.

'Mick Jager' Fontaine, another first year bantam, also did a good job of throwing strikes when he got the call to the mound. He had a few base hits as well. Andon 'Ace' Ballas, another one of our first year bantam aged players, snagged a hot liner down the third base line for a out in the game against Devon. Second year bantam, Evan 'Batman' Ockerman did the long stretch a few time to catch the ball at first base, he hammered a few to the outfield.

Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal, also a second year bantam, didn't have a lot of help from his fielders in the game he pitched on Sunday, throwing 60 pitches in three innings. In some games, simple plays are not that simple and pitchers can get very frustrated. 'Chuckles' belted a couple of big hits this past weekend though.

Brad Atwal from St. Paul did take the bull by the horns when he was called in to relieve in the final game on Sunday right after 'Chuckles'. Three up and three down, for three straight innings. He throws a wicked fast ball that would really hurt if you happened to get hit by a pitch. Nolan Dechaine, who calls St. Lina home, did a great job in the outfield and at the plate driving in a few runs. Braden Reid was another one who played a good game in the field and at the plate. He dropped down a couple of sac bunts to move the runners.

Winning pitcher Evan 'Bobsie' Gamache from St Paul threw a strong game against Lloydminster and

did some damage at the plate. Cold Lake product, the speedy Seth Colbourne was an exceptionally good base runner, stealing second almost all the time and third a number of times, and running hard down the first base path, he would beat the throws when a normal runner would have been out. Catcher Evan 'Goat' Gauthier, who travels the furthest to play, coming all the way from Plamondon, is very competitive. He spent most of the weekend behind the mask with the pads on in the heat but didn't miss a beat, blocking wild pitches and picking off runners, keeping them honest. The 'Goat' swings a big bat too, he crushed the ball a couple of times for triples and drove in lot of runs over the weekend. The Northstars are now off for a couple of weekends before travelling to Devon for the next round.

Meanwhile down in Camrose this past weekend, our young Mosquito provincial team had a rough start to their season in their round robin play, losing all three games. But they had fun in the big city and gained some experience playing at a competitive level against some bigger centers. And the best part about Baseball Alberta is the tiering system. At the end of May the teams will be re-tiered. 'Bo Diddly' Fontaine with a home run in a game against Sylvan Lake. Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans Anderson and Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand with some singles.

Along with Tyler, another Happy Birthday going out on Wednesday to another one of our minor ball coaches, this one at the lower levels, Tessa Pankiw.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "You can't be afraid to make errors. You can't be afraid to be naked before the crowd, because no one can ever master the game of baseball, or conquer it. You can only challenge it." - Lou Brock.



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HEADING FOR HOME
(above) and waiting for the perfect pitch were both part of the action as the Minor Ball season got underway this weekend at Wilson Field with a four team round robin featuring the Lakeland Northstars Bantams.

Photos submitted



COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

2018 ROADSIDE SPRAYING PROGRAM

The County of St. Paul No. 19 Agricultural Service Board will be starting their 2018 Roadside Spraying Program in the month of June. This program is in place to control the spread of Weeds and Brush along Municipal Road Allowances in accordance with the Weed Control Act.

Landowners concerned about Pesticide Spraying along Municipal Road Allowances must sign a "Weed and Brush Control Agreement," with the County and post the areas they do not want sprayed by May 31st. It will be the Landowner's responsibility to control all the weeds and brush within that posted area by July 1, 2018 or the County may intervene with control measures.

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Summer camps return to Camp Whitney's calendar after 2017 cancellations

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May long weekend is traditionally considered the beginning of camping season, and this year, the weekend includes the opportunity to visit a very special camp in our area, one with a history that dates back to 1953.

Generations of youngsters from Elk Point and surrounding areas have warm memories of their summer adventures at Camp Whitney United Church Camp, on the tree-lined shores of Whitney Lake, and more

memories are to be made again this year, beginning with an open house on Saturday, May 19 from 1 to 4 p.m., where you can meet the staff and tour the cabins, grounds and recreational facilities, which may not look the same as you remember.

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During the spring and fall, the camp also is available for group rentals for everything from a family reunion to a retreat or school trip.

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